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(Docket No. 456701)

In re the Application of:

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COOLED LINEAR ELECTRODE

) Art Unit: 3743

) Examiner: Nguyen

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2004, applicant's attorney hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the first species as shown in Fig. 2, which species has "a device for articulating said electrode assembly" as illustrated in Figs. 8, 9 or 10. Note that Fig. 2 is ". . . a side section view of the distal portion of the ablation catheter shown in Fig. 1 . . ." as indicated in the Description of the Drawing on page 6 of the specification. Note that Fig. 1 shows articulating mechanisms 17 and 55 as described on pages 7 and 8 on the specification.

The claims readable on this embodiment are claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7-9.

It is understood that upon the allowance of a generic claim covering the non-elected claims, these non-elected claims may be patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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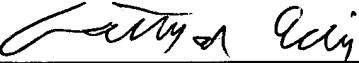


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